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Ms. Sherrie Cooksey
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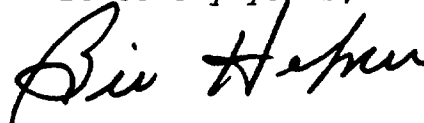
Dear Ms. Cooksey:

I am in receipt of the enclosed letters from my constituents regarding PR Docket 92-235.

I would appreciate my constituents' letters being given every consideration.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



BILL HEFNER
Member of Congress

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Enclosures

(3) Letters attached

Mr & Mrs Clarence Emrey
531 Arborlea Court
Matthews, N.C. 28105

February 2, 1993

The Honorable W. G. Hefner
U.S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Hefner:

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Regarding PR Docket 92-235

Congressional Record
Washington, D.C.

I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled models. I am active in our local club, and an active competitor in local, regional and national events.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules changes that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio frequencies are in the 72-76MHz band. We have been able to share these frequencies with land mobile dispatch operations, but the proposed new frequency assignments would add two new interfering frequencies on either side of our assigned frequencies which would cause interference with our operations and very possibly lead to an accident.

To meet the new (Jan. 1993) frequency separations, over the last two years I had to replace all of my (20 kHz) radio equipment at a cost of \$1,300.00 minimum. All of my new radio equipment is in the affected range of frequencies to be restructured, and would be deemed unusable, since the new "LAND" equipment is mobile and could interfere any time I was operating a plane with my (1993) radio equipment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have considerable investments in our radio equipment as stated previously. Our planes also involve considerable additional expense, in my case over \$950.00 kit price, plus the costs to make the planes ready to fly. This is the government "by the people for the people" not business.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Clarence E. Emrey

Clarence E. Emrey
AMA 173742

Joseph O. Earley, III
16465 Liberty Hill Church Road
Oakboro NC 28129

The Honorable W. G. "Bill" Hefner
2161 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

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I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

I work for a public utility company and bear great stress as I repair the equipment of irate customers. The best stress-relief activity for me is building and flying radio controlled airplanes. Some of the models I build are large and expensive. The wingspans are six feet and longer. The planes are capable of causing property damage, serious injury or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. The club to which I belong often fly models at organized events and contests where many operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Joe Earley
AMA 369049
Joe Earley

February 2, 1993

The Honorable William Hefner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Hefner:

On February 2, 1993
at 10:00 AM

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Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 to 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

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